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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR- 6J

June 26, 2012

Mr. Michael J. Erickson
Vice President
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RE: Area 3: Proposed Reconnaissance Plan and Preliminary Sampling Design

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the revised Area 3 Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (SRI/FS) proposed reconnaissance plan, submitted on June 1, 2012, for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. Also, EPA has reviewed the additional information provided as a result of our June 14, 2012 conference call. The reconnaissance plan should provide enough information to develop detailed soil and sediment sampling plans in Area 3.

Therefore, EPA approves the Area 3 reconnaissance plan. EPA is concerned that the reconnaissance plan may not provide adequate information to fully design a sampling network in the Pine Creek area. Therefore, when the future sampling plan is submitted EPA may require additional samples in this area to address any potential data gaps.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Saric", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

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